nomy and Large Scale Construction Programme of Housing amongst others.

During the period under review delegations have been exchanged between the Indian National Science Academy (INSA) and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

Cultural Exchanges

Under the Cultural Exchange Programme between the two countries. Indian delegations have visited China during the last three years in the following fields: Religion and Philosophy, Radio and Television, Copyright Law, Education, Art History, Poetry writing and Painting amongst others Apart from these visits, Indian Dance troupes have visited China and Exhibitions of Indian Paintings and Traditional Musical Instruments have been organised in China. An Indian Film Week has been held in China.

Under the Cultural Exchange Programme Chinese delegations have visited India during the last three years in the following fields: Art, History, Copyright Law, Radio and Television and Education, amongst others Apart from these visits, Exhibitions of Chinese Traditional Instruments and Painting (traditional and contemporary) have been held in India A Chinese Film week has also been held in India.

Both countries exchange nine students a year under a scholarship exchange programme.

Indigenous production of advanced missiles

1990 SHRI KALPNATH RAI:
SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether any plans are under way to produce advanced type missiles, indigenously; and

(b) if so, by when these are expected to be produced for the country's defence needs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. Indigenous development work on certain types of missiles required by the Services is in hand, which includes limited production.

(b) Series production is expected to be undertaken during the next dacade

Financial assistance sought by Sri Lanka Government

1991 SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA· Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Sri Lanka have sought any financial assistance from the Government of India;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any agreement has been reached between the two Governments to extend financial assistance to the Government of Sri Lanka; and

(d) if so, what is the nature of such assistance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K NATWAR SINGH)· (a) Yes, Sir

(b) The Government of Sri Lanka requested the Government of India to extend the reconstruction and rehabilitation assistance, specially for the Northern and Eastern Provinces, and also a fresh line of Government-to-Government credit.

(c) Government have decided to give a reconstruction/rehabilitation grant of Rs 250 million and a new line of Government to Government